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SUBJECT: ANOTHER MILITARY "MEMORANDUM"?

1. THE JANUARY 26 ISSUE OF YANKI MAGAZINE REPORTED THAT A "MEMORANDUM" WAS PRESENTED TO PRIMIN DEMIREL IN DECMEBER, 1975 "WITH THE APPROVAL OF THE CHIEF OF THE TURKISH GENERAL STAFF AND THE FORCE COMMANDERS." ACCORDING TO THE YANKI ARTICLE, WHICH WAS ALSO REPORTED IN SEVERAL MAJOR NEWSPAPERS, THE MILITARY LEADERS DID NOT RPT NOT REQUEST THE GOVERNMENT'S RESIGNATION, NOR DID THEY ATTEMPT TO DICTATE REQUIREMENTS FOR GOVERNMENT ACTION, THE "MEMORANDUM" SIMPLY EXPRESSED A "SUMMARY OF OPINIONS" ON THE FOLLOWING ISSUES:

(A) CONCERN OVER THE SPARE PARTS SITUATION AND THE INABILITY TO ACQUIRE NEW WEAPONS,

(B) THE NECESSITY FOR RESOLVING THE CYPRUS ISSUE QUICKLY, INCLUDING TERRITORIAL "CONCESSIONS",

(C) THE NEED TO END "ANARCHIC EVENTS",

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(D) A RECOMMENDATION FOR COOPERATION BETWEEN THE

JUSTICE PARTY (JP) AND REPUBLICAN PEOPLE'S PARTY (RPP) AS A  
"LAST RESORT" TO RESOLVE THE AFOREMENTIONED PROBLEMS,  
(E) IF COOPERATION FAILED, THEN EARLY ELECTIONS  
WOULD BE THE ONLY SOLUTION.

2. ON JANUARY 26, PRIMIN DEMIREL RELEASED A WRITTEN STATEMENT  
LABELLING THE REPORT A "FABRICATION" AND DEFENDING HIS  
GOVERNMENT'S NATIONAL DEFENSE AND CYPRUS POLICIES. HE  
CHARGED THAT EFFORTS WERE BEING MADE "TO BRING THE TURKISH  
ARMED FORCES INTO POLITICAL ARGUMENTS BY DRAWING A PARALLEL  
WITH EVENTS IN THE RECENT PAST" (I.E. THE MARCH 12  
MEMORANDUM). DEMIREL ARGUED THAT IT WAS THE "LEGAL AND  
CONSTITUTIONAL DUTY OF THE GENERAL STAFF AND THE MINISTRY  
OF DEFENSE TO VOICE THEIR IDEAS AND RECOMMENDATIONS TO THE  
PRIME MINISTER'S OFFICE." LATER THE SAME DAY, DEMIREL PAID  
A RARE CALL ON GEN. SANCAR AT TGS HEADQUARTERS WHERE HE WAS  
ACCORDED MILITARY HONORS ON ARRIVAL AND DEPARTURE.

3. SIMILARLY, THE JANUARY 26 MILLIYET REPORTED THAT AN  
UNIDENTIFIED FORCE COMMANDER TOLD THEIR REPORTER THAT  
THERE WAS NO "MEMORANDUM" PRESENTED UNDER A COLLECTIVE  
SIGNATURE. HE STATED THAT EACH FORCE COMMANDER HAD  
NOTIFIED THE TGS ABOUT THE NEEDS OF HIS SERVICE AND THE  
CHIEF OF THE TGS, GEN. SANCAR, HAD RELAYED THESE VIEWS TO  
THE PRIMIN. ALTHOUGH DENYING THAT DOMESTIC ISSUES HAD  
BEEN MENTIONED, THE SOURCE CONFIRMED THAT THE CYPRUS PROBLEM  
HAD BEEN DISCUSSED.

4. COMMENT: THE EMBASSY HAS RECEIVED NO INFORMATION WHICH  
WOULD CONFIRM OR DENY THE EXISTENCE OF A "MEMORANDUM". IT  
DOES SEEM REASONABLE TO ASSUME THAT SANCAR WOULD HAVE DISCUSSED  
TGS CONCERNS WITH DEMREL, POSSIBLY INCLUDING DOMESTIC  
ISSUES. ON THE OTHER HAND, IT DOES NOT SEEM LIKELY THAT THE  
TURKISH MILITARY WOULD TAKE THE UNNECESSARY POLITICAL RISK  
OF COMMITTING TO WRITING RECOMMENDATIONS FOR SUCH THINGS  
AS JP-RPP COOPERATION OR EARLY ELECTIONS.  
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